


Radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. The proposed ruling will bracket 31 of our 50 frequencies. Our transmitters are very low power, approximately one half watt. Land mobile transmitter output is four to five times that of ours and would be only 2.5 MHz from our frequencies. Not only are these new frequencies very close to ours but they are also designated as "Mobile", therefore, we would never know where they are operating including at the flying field, ~~or even a street or highway nearby.~~ ~~Of course, we are the~~ technical specifications for their frequencies. The legal frequency tolerance would place their signal directly on ours! The results of which could and most assuredly be disastrous.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely


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Feb 8 1993
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The Honorable Senator Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them in to narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30-40 pounds, and are capable of attaining speeds of up to 150 MPH. These models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference caused the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contest where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise for the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Rankz

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Feb. 2, 1993

Dear Senator Feinstein


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I am a very active member of a model airplane glider club. I try to fly every weekend and am joined by a number of my fellow members. I am very concerned about the rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes. The FCC wants to create more land frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted. This will mean that none of my present radios will be able to be used safely.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety the many bystanders and the protection of property. Our safety precautions involve careful coordination and use of radio frequencies. Never, is anyone allowed to even turn on their radio until they assure that no one is presently using that frequency. If they were, the model in the air would be totally out of control. I fly at a local hill and regularly have 10-20 participants and bystanders. Please understand that the model gliders that I fly do not have any motors, they rely only on the winds and thermals to fly. Three of my planes have wing spans of over 10 feet and weigh nearly 10 pounds. I have never had an accident myself but was witness to a similar size glider that "lost" radio control and it went completely through a car windshield. I hate to think what might have happened had it been one of my grandchildren. The models themselves are expensive and time consuming (the three mentioned above took 3 months of shop time before they flew); but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. Because we are a relatively silent group, the FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but I have considerable investment in my models and radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and has provided more than one grandfather an "atta boy" from their grandchild.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72-76MHz band.

Sincerely,


Robert Fowler
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February 8, 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

re: FCC Rule Changes
PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mrs. Feinstein:

98 FEB 11 AM 10:42

Since I retired in 1985, I have spent so many hours making and flying model airplanes that my wife is now a pseudo-pilot's widow! I was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and since my wife clipped my wings, I fly models, which admittedly is much safer for all! I am a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and live in the Lake Isabella area, where we fly in two locations, both near highways.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. This proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If these changes are adopted, they will greatly reduce the usability of those frequencies currently assigned for our model use and increase the risk of serious accidents when the "pilot" loses control and the airplane flies wildly into whatever is near at hand. These airplanes CANNOT be controlled if the frequency is interrupted for whatever reason! At the present time, our only problem is another "pilot" turning on his radio on our frequency and the following accident.

These radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band and are used primarily for private land mobile dispatch operations. At the present time, our frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to avoid accidents.


The FCC now wishes to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. This will cause interference to radio control operations. This will leave only 19 frequencies out of the present 50 if this occurs.

When a "pilot" flies his model airplane, he takes care to avoid any harm to bystanders, nearby property and other operators. We have many safety precautions to avoid two "pilots" being on the same frequency and we pay insurance in case there is a mishap. Some of our models have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 40 lbs. They are very expensive to build and time consuming- a lot of love goes into each one. I myself have thousands of dollars invested in this equipment. These airplanes, when they crash out of control because of loss of radio control can cause serious injury and death to anyone unfortunate enough to be nearby. At our organized events we have hundreds of operators using these frequencies.

I really do not think that the FCC is being fair in granting land mobile radio users more frequencies at the expense of us old duffers (and some young ones, too) who think our hobby is great! Some of our "pilots" have contributed to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry with their ingenious airplanes!

PLEASE help me to continue in my remaining years to enjoy my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely


Raymond Zaffini
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February 4 1993

NPRM
Reference: PR Docket 92-235

February 4, 1993

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William D. Thomas".

William D. Thomas
630 Northwestern Dr.
Claremont, CA 91711

February 4, 1993

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
US Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: FCC Rule Making, PR Docket 92-235

93 FEB -9 AM 9:58

Dear Senator Feinstein,

I am a radio control (R/C) model airplane enthusiast and derive many hours of enjoyment constructing and flying these aircraft. This is a hobby requiring lots of expensive and sophisticated equipment, for which I have invested plenty.

I am very concerned about a proposed rule currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that jeopardizes my investment and hobby. If adopted, the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents caused by in-flight signal interruption from land mobil units.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobil dispatch operations. However, our R/C frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobil frequencies that we have been able to share the band without interference with each other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 creates a new Part 88 which will jeopardize the safety of my hobby. Existing rules allow for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobil users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band.

When we operate our R/C aircraft we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators, bystanders and property. This new rule could cause my aircraft to be "shot down" by a mobil telephone user miles away from my flight site. If the radio signal to an R/C airplane is interrupted it causes control surfaces, like ailerons and elevator, to "flutter" thus throwing the aircraft out of control resulting in a crash.

The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and radio equipment. It is a sizable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes many skilled jobs in the manufacture, sales and repair of the equipment.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Muir
AMA #377209

TO: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
367 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

DATE: 2/3/93

RE: PR Docket 92-235

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Your Honor,

I am an avid Radio Control Aircraft enthusiast who is very much opposed to NPRM-PR Docket 92-235.

This proposed ruling would have a profoundly negative effect on our model frequency use.

Like most R/C Modelers, my sport/hobby represents a substantial investment in money and time. With some of today's models tipping the scales at upwards of 50 pounds and reaching speeds in excess of 100 mph, PR Docket 92-235 would render most of our current radio frequencies UNUSABLE and UNSAFE, not to mention an incredible LIABILITY risk.

The Radio Control hobby is used as a very healthy and valuable learning tool by many schools and youth groups across the country and PR Docket 92-235 would have the effect of severely curtailing or eliminating the availability of usable radio frequencies to the hundreds of thousands of enthusiasts

Date 2/6/93

53 FEB 12 1993 9:26

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United State Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ref. PR Docket 92-235

I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled models.

I am an active competitor in local and national events.

I am active in our local club.

I own 12 pieces of radio equipment that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted.

The models I build weigh as much as 20 pounds and operate at 100 m.p.h..

Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

Sincerely,

Wm J Long

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

SEP 12 11 51:48

Dear Mrs. Feinstein,

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by opposing the FCC proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which time it may become more difficult to prevent these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

David A. Thomas - one of your
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constituents!

Manfred Hartmann
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February 3, 1993

.The Honorable Diane Feinstein
.United States Senate
.Washington, D.C. 20510
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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

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I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

1993 FEB -6 PM 12: 24

January 26, 1993

Dear Ms. Feinstein:

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to ten feet and weigh as much as 30 to 50 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We

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The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

1993 FEB -8 PM 12: 23 January 26, 1993

Dear Ms. Feinstein:

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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It is unfortunate that the FCC chooses to ignore the financial investment hobbyists have poured into modeling. This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 Mhz band.

Sincerely,

Lindell E. Webster

1993 FEB -0 PM12:19
February 3, 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein

I am retired and an active member of a local club that derives many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating miniature radio controlled model aircraft.

I am very upset and concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for miniature model aircraft use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling miniature model airplanes. If the FCC is allowed to implement this plan, it can and most likely will ruin the radio controlled model aircraft, car and boat industry, because we will not be able to operate our aircraft, cars or boats safely. I can not tell you how many jobs will be lost or how much money is involved, I am sure you have resources available to provide you with accurate information on this aspect.

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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidth and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the miniature aircraft radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio controlled model aircraft, car and boat operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

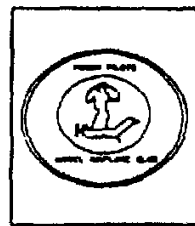
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Please understand that miniature model aircraft are not toys and have wing spans up to 10 feet, are powered by engines with horsepower rating as high as 17 horsepower, can fly at speeds greater than 100 miles per hour and weigh as much as 55 pounds. The models themselves are very expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band .

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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Washington, D.C. 20510

93 FEB 11 AM 10:11

Dear Ms. Feinstein,

It has come to my attention that the FCC is considering a change in the frequency allocation for private usage. The Proposed Rule Making is NPRM PR Docket 92-2135.

I am writing to you requesting your support in the defeat of this proposal. I am an RC Modeler that flies radio control airplanes. The reason I am requesting your support is that the proposed change will insert new frequencies very close to the current frequencies that the RC Model industry presently uses. The new frequencies will also have higher power than the RC Model frequencies and the frequency will be mobile, thus the chances that the new frequencies will interfere with the RC Model frequencies are high.

You may ask why the concern? First of all, if we are flying a radio controlled powered airplane and someone with the new frequency channel radio is near by, the model will be uncontrollable due to radio interference. This most likely will cause the plane to crash. The RC models we fly are not toys. Most planes having a powered engines are capable of flying at speeds of 50 to 150 mph. An object that is not under control at those speeds hitting a person would have a good chance of killing that person or causing serious injury. Secondly, the cost of most of our planes are from \$500.00 to \$3000.00. Lastly, there are over three million RC pilots in the United States that would be affected by this new rule change.

I would appreciate your support in the defeat of this proposed rule change by the FCC.

Sincerely,

Les B Littlefield

AMA # 439495

HAM RADIO LICENSE # WDG GWN

SIMI VALLEY FLIERS RC CLUB

Les Littlefield
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February 3, 1993

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

1993 FEB 12 AM 10:09

Dear Senator:

I have always been interested in aviation, and for more than ten years, I have spent much of my spare time building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I have invested hundreds of dollars and thousands of hours in this hobby/sport. This letter outlines an issue that concerns all who enjoy radio controlled models and all who make their living from this pastime.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. This proposal is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, it will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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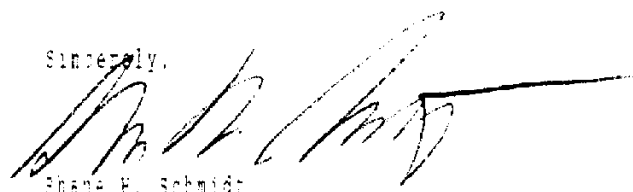
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The models I build weigh as much as 20 pounds and travel up to 80 m.p.h. Many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds. These models are expensive to build and can cause property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of all of our radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

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Please, help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Shane H. Schmidt

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You may ask why the concern? First of all, if we are flying a radio controlled powered airplane and someone with the new frequency channel radio is near by.

93 FEB -9 1111:08

Don Rice
Feb. 3, 1993

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mrs. Feinstein,

When I was a very young boy, I was fascinated with the radio controlled models flying directly across the street from my house. When I grew up, I decided to give modeling a try. I am now an active competitor in local, national, and international events. I have, over the years, enjoyed countless hours of satisfaction as a direct result of my interest in modeling.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Specifically, I'm talking about PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use. This action will significantly increase the risk of accidents and the attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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February 1, 1993

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

1993 FEB 12 AM 10:05

Dear Senator Feinstein:

"I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes."

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 Mhz band.

Sincerely,

Vernon Altamirano
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Santa Rosa, Ca. 95403

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vernon Altamirano". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Vernon" and last name "Altamirano" clearly distinguishable.